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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application

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Alignment and Ordering of Vector Elements for Single Instruction

Multiple Data Processing Inventors: van Hook et al.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17);
- 2. Request for Continued Examination (PTO/SB/30);
- 3. Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
- 4. PTO-1449 Form citing twenty-four (24) documents;
- 5. Copies of the cited documents;
- 6. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) for \$750.00; and
- 7. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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